

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image bearing member;
an intermediate transferring member for
5 receiving a transfer of a toner image from said image
bearing member;
cleaning means which cleans the toner image on
said intermediate transferring member;
a first mode for transferring a toner image on
10 said intermediate transferring member onto a transfer
material; and
a second mode for forming a toner image in an
entire area capable of image formation on said
intermediate transferring member and cleaning said
15 toner image without transfer to the transfer material.
2. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said cleaning means cleans the toner
image electrically.
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3. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said cleaning means includes means
for charging the toner image on said intermediate
transferring member in an inverse polarity, and means
25 for executing electrical cleaning.
4. An image forming apparatus according to

claim 1, wherein said cleaning means forms an electrical field between said intermediate transferring member and said image bearing member.

5 5. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising memory means which stores a history of use of said intermediate transferring member, wherein the image forming apparatus executes said second mode based on information from said
10 memory means.

 6. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image forming apparatus executes said second mode prior to execution of said first
15 mode in case said intermediate transferring member is unused.

 7. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image forming apparatus, after a
20 turn-on of a power supply thereof, executes said second mode prior to execution of said first mode.